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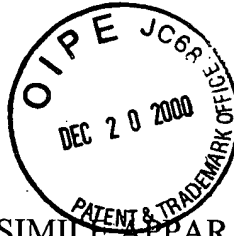
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on August 20, 1999, and to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on June 14, 2000, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report, issued September 21, 2000, with respect to counterpart European Patent Application No. 99110023:

U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507, to BOBO, II, issued on October 7, 1997, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e., particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claims 1 through 4, and 16 and as "A" category document (i.e., technological background) with respect to claims 13 and 15 of the European Application. In particular, column 7, line 13 through column 18, line 44; Figures 1 through 7, 13, 16A, and 16B were indicated to be relevant.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,805,298, to HO et al., issued September 8, 1998, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 5 through 9, and 17 of the European Application. In particular, column 2, line 19 through column 3, line 5; claims 1, and 9 through 19 were indicated to be relevant.

International (PCT) Patent Application No. WO98/28892 A1, published July 2, 1998, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1 and 16 of the European Application. In particular, the whole document was indicated to be relevant.

European Patent Application No. EP 0 867 817 A2, published September 30, 1998, was cited as an "A" and "P" (i.e., intermediate document) category document with respect to claims 10 through 12, 18, and 19 of the European Application. In particular, column 31, line 43 through column 32, line 17 were indicated to be relevant.

International (PCT) Patent Application No. WO97/22203 A1, published June 19, 1997, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 6 through 9, 15, and 17 of the European Application. In particular, column 2, line 36 through column 6, line 54; claims 1 through 19; and figures 1 through 7 were indicated to be relevant. The annex indicates that EP 0 887 994 A1, is a family member of this PCT document, and a copy of this EP is submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite above-noted documents. Copy of the documents as well as a copy of the Search Report are attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and return a

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signed copy of the form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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